

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted after final rejection under 37 CFR 1.116 because Applicants believe that all claims now presented are in condition for allowance. In any event entry of this amendment will place this application in better form for appeal. No new matter has been added and no new issues have been raised. Finally the arguments presented and changes in the claims have been made in response to points raised by the Examiner in the last office action and Applicants could not have made these changes at an earlier date.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claims 28 through 35, 38, 40, 41, 49, 50 and 55 through 62.

Applicants have canceled claims 51 through 54 so the rejection of those claims under 35 USC 112, first and second paragraphs, has been obviated.

Applicants have amended claims 49 and 50 to insert in addition to epilepsy, the following utilities: stroke, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. Antecedent basis for this amendment to claims 49 and 50 may be found in the specification on page 20 (substitute specification). Applicants have presented evidence in the specification and in the declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 of Dr. Laszlo Harsing in support of the treatment of those specific diseases using the presently claimed compounds. Thus claims 28 through 35, 38, 40, 41, 49, 50

and 55 through 62 as now presented are all believed to be in condition for allowance.

Favorable action in this case is earnestly solicited.

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